

To the Honorable Judges of the Essex County Court of Oyer and Terminer:

The Grand Jury for the second half of the April 1943 Term hereby respectfully reports to this Honorable Court that upon its induction it received from the Prosecutor of the Pleas a mandate issued by its predecessor, to wit: The Grand Inquest for the second half of the December 1942 Term Grand Jury. The mandate was as follows:

"The Grand Jury respectfully requests that the Prosecutor of the Pleas and the Director of Public Safety of the City of Newark give special consideration to the advisability of conducting an investigation into the conditions which apparently exist in the Third Ward area of the City of Newark, which conditions appear to be definitely detrimental to the welfare and property of the citizens of that district.

(Signed) FRANCIS R. STEYBET  
Foreman"

In compliance with this request, the Prosecutor caused to be prepared a report with respect to the conditions aforesaid. The report prepared by First Assistant Prosecutor Fox has been received by this body. We find it to be most meticulous, proficient and fair. The Grand Jury has adopted this report which contains his recommendations with reference to the Third Ward in the City of Newark and hereby makes it a part of this presentment.

The social, religious and educational phases of this report, the lack of which has been a contributing cause for the existence of so much crime in this area; are long range projects which, if adhered to and followed, should bring constructive and beneficial results. In the meantime and while these projects are being developed, more adequate policing should immediately be provided for this section of the community especially uniformed night patrolmen to permit its citizens a greater sense of security and protection and as a crime deterrent.

The Clerk of the Grand Jury is hereby directed to send a copy of this presentment and the adopted report to:

1. The Hon. Vincent J. Murphy, Mayor of the City of Newark,
2. Commissioner John B. Keenan,
3. Commissioner John J. Brady,
4. Commissioner Joseph M. Byrne, Jr.
5. Commissioner Ralph A. Villani,
6. The Welfare Council of the City of Newark,
7. The Hon. John Herron, Supt. of Schools of the City of Newark,
8. The Negro Community Council of the City of Newark,
9. The Board of Education of the City of Newark,
10. Newark Planning Board, and
11. Newark Excise Board.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) EDWARD J. FOLEY,  
Foreman

Dated: 6/29/43